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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

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1. EVANS FROM HIS WIFE. DAVID DOWN WITH BAD CASE OF RUSSIAN FLU. HAS ALREADY MISSED 10 TEN WEEKS OF SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND THUS FEEL TRIP UNWISE. PERHAPS WE CAN PUT OFF UNTIL SUMMER. HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE EARLY IN APRIL.
2. LUERS AND I WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATING THE JOINT STATEMENT WITH STARCEVIC AND MATIC (YUGOSLAV EMBASSY) ON MARCH 2 AT 9 A.M.
3. BELOVSKI HAS TOLD EAGLEBURGER THAT HE'S ON THE HOT SEAT BECAUSE HE HAS NOT TURNED OFF THE DEMONSTRATIONS. LUERS HAS MET WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND IS TO MEET WITH JUSTICE. HE WOULD LIKE TO TURN OFF THE DEMONSTRATIONS BUT THE LAWYERS FEEL WE WOULD LOSE IF TAKEN TO COURT. THE
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SERBS HAVE A PERMIT TO DEMONSTRATE MARCH 6 THROUGH 8 FROM 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M. THEY HOPE TO GET 300 PEOPLE OR SO, SOME FROM OUT OF TOWN. THE CROATS HAVE A PERMIT TO DEMONSTRATE ON MARCH 6 AND 7 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AND TO HOLD A PARADE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE CAPITOL ON MARCH 6 FROM 2-4 P.M. THEIR CURRENT PLAN CALLS FOR THEM TO LEAVE TOWN AFTER THE PARADE. SEVERAL SCORE ALBANIANS (I.E. KOSOVARIS)

ARE SUPPOSED TO JOIN THEM IN LAFAYETTE PARK WHILE THE SERBS
WILL BE ON THE WHITE HOUSE SIDEWALK ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.
BOTH GROUPS WILL BE KEPT AT LEAST 400 FEET FROM BLAIR HOUSE
NEEDLESSLY TO SAY, WE ARE MOST UNCOMFORTALBE ABOUT THE
NOISE, PUBLICITY, BAD IMPRESSION ON THE YUGOSLAVS, PLACARDS
AND SIGNS, ETC. AND RELATIVELY CONFIDENT ABOUT TITO'S
PHYSICAL SECURITY. VANCE

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